

**MARYLAND COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ART**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 6, 2017 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Present:** Liesel Fenner, Theresa Colvin, Elizabeth Hughes, Rand Griffin, Nancy Kurtz, Kathy O'Dell, Liz Fitzsimmons, Fanni Somoygi (intern)

**Call to Order:** Liesel Fenner called the meeting to order at 5:05.

**Approval of Minutes:** Meeting minutes from 1-19-17 were presented to those attending, and approved at 5:10.

**MSAC Updates:** Theresa Colvin updated the Commission that her last day with MSAC is 4-11-17. She has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation. Colvin reported that the FY18 MSAC budget is \$18m. There is active advocacy work at the federal level to maintain the National Endowment for the Arts from elimination. She also reported the Community Arts Program Manager position has been filled by Steven Skerritt-Davis. It was noted that MSAC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is scheduled September 28, 2017 at Maryland Hall in Annapolis. Public artwork ribbon cutting ceremonies can tie in with 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities.

**Public Art Program Director Report:** MPAI project updates:

--UMB Health Science Facility III

Eric Peltzer selected and contracted with UMB for a kinetic sculpture to be site in the plaza of the new Health Sciences building. Projected completion Fall 2017.

-UMBC Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Building

Artist, Volkan Alkanoglu selected by the Artist Selection Panel, March 26, 2017. Contracting and project planning underway.

-Maryland National Guard Easton Readiness Center

Applications received and Artist Selection Panel reviewing applicants on CallforEntry.org. Panel meeting scheduled May 12, when 3-4 semi-finalists will be selected to develop artwork proposals.

-USG Biomedical Sciences Engineering Building

Successful design charrette with USG administrators, architect and Artist Selection Panel to identify artwork locations in the new BSE facility. Artwork goals and themes identified, to be incorporated in RFQ.

-Annapolis Post Office Renovation

Fenner toured the Post Office with the DGS Project Manager and Architect. Locations for artwork were discussed although the artwork budget has not been determined yet, pending FY18 state budget approval.

-Catonsville District Courthouse

Locations for artwork have been discussed with DGS Project Manager. RFQ pending DGS confirmation of the public art project administration process for how the selected artist will be contracted.

**MPAI project administration update:**

In on-going discussion with DGS to confirm selected MPAI artists will contract with Department of Commerce and paid by DGS. MSAC Public Art Director will approve artist invoices and confirm work is in compliance with contract for payments.

**MPAC Commissioner Candidates Updates:** Fenner shared the resume of candidate Leslie Kahn an architect based in Bethesda, MD. Commissioner selection process will continue with Commission review of candidates.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm for Light City VIP Tour.